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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Attn: Carol Ropski
Emergency Enforcement & Support Section, SE-5J
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Re: Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA for the Downers Grove Groundwater Site Located in Downer Grove, IL (Dupage County)

Dear Madam:

Regal-Beloit Corporation never owned or operated any facility or manufacturing operations within or near the site as defined in your information request.

The Foote-Jones operation at 603 Rogers Street, Downers Grove, Illinois is located 2 ½ miles to the eastern boundaries of the Site. Regal-Beloit Corporation purchased selected assets from Power-Tech International, Inc. on October 2, 1989.

Regal-Beloit Corporation never purchased the buildings or grounds on Rogers Street. Immediately after purchase of selected assets this operation was phased out and moved.

Attached are the file contact names and addresses of people who may be able to assist the agency in its investigation of the site.

Sincerely,
REGAL-BELOIT CORPORATION



Scott Schneier
Mechanical Group Vice President

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Attachment #1 - Contact List
#2 - Response

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1. Mr. James Mallon
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2. Mr. James Dean
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3. Mr. Robert Kinmel
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Attachment B
Requests

1. **Identify all persons** consulted in the preparation of the answers to these Information Requests.

None

2. **Identify all documents** consulted, examined, or referred to in the preparation of the answers to these Requests, and provide copies of all such documents.

Consulted a copy of the Asset Purchase Document from the purchase contract.

3. **If you have reason to believe that there may be persons able to provide a more detailed or complete response to any Information Request or Who may be able to provide additional responsive documents, identify such persons.**

Reference cover letter attachment #1.

4. **Identify all persons having knowledge or information about the generation, transportation, treatment, disposal, or other handling of hazardous substances by you, your contractors, or by prior owners and/operators.**

Unknown

5. **Between 1950 and the present, did you ever use, purchase, store, treat, dispose, transport or otherwise handle any hazardous substances or materials (including chlorinated solvents) at any location in the Ellsworth Industrial Park? If the answer to the preceding question is anything but an unqualified "no", identify:**

- a) **The chemical composition, characteristics, physical state (e.g., solid, liquid) of each hazardous substance;**
- b) **Who supplied you with such hazardous substances;**
- c) **How such hazardous substances were used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed, or otherwise handled by you;**
- d) **When such hazardous substances were used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed, or otherwise handled by you;**
- e) **Where such hazardous substances were used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed, or otherwise handled by you; and**
- f) **The quantity of such hazardous substances used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed or otherwise handled by you.**

No. The purchased select assets did not include the facility located at 603 Rogers Street. This location is 2 ½ miles east of the Ellsworth Industrial Park and not part of the defined Site.

6. **Describe the nature of your activities or business at the Site between 1950 and the present, with respect to purchasing, receiving, processing, storing, treating, disposing, or otherwise handling hazardous substances or materials at the Site.**

Reference response to question 5 above.

7. State the dates during which you owned, operated, or leased a portion of the Site, and provide copies of all documents evidencing or relating to such ownership, operation, or lease **arrangement** (e.g., deeds, leases, etc.).

Reference response to question 5 above.

8. Provide information about any facilities you have ever owned or operated at the Site, including but not limited to the following:
- a) Property boundaries, including a written legal description;
 - b) Location of underground utilities (telephone, electrical, sewer, water main, etc.) and underground tanks;
 - c) Surface structures (e.g., buildings, tanks, etc.);
 - d) Ground water wells, including drilling logs;
 - e) Storm water drainage system, and sanitary sewer system, past and present, including septic tank(s), subsurface disposal field(s), and other underground structures; and where, when and how such systems are emptied;
 - f) Any and all additions, demolitions, or changes of any kind on, under, or about the Site, to its physical structures, or to the property itself (e.g., excavation work); and any planned additions, demolitions, or other changes to the Site; and
 - g) All maps and drawings of the Site in your possession.

Reference response to question 5 above.

9. Identify all past and present solid waste units (e.g., waste piles, landfills, surface impoundments, waste lagoons, waste ponds or pits, tanks, container storage areas, etc.) at any facility you owned or operated at the Site. For each such solid waste unit identified, provide the following information:
- a) A map showing the unit's boundaries and the location of all known solid waste units whether currently in operation or not. This map should be drawn to scale, if possible, and clearly indicate the location and size of all past and present units;
 - b) The type of unit (e.g., storage area, landfill, waste pile, etc.), and the dimensions of the unit;
 - c) The dates that the unit was in use;
 - d) The purpose and past usage (e.g., storage, spill containment, etc.)
 - e) The quantity and types of materials (hazardous substances and any other chemicals) located in each unit; and
 - f) The construction (materials, composition), volume, size, dates of cleaning, and condition of each unit.
 - g) If unit is no longer in use, how was such unit closed and what actions were taken to prevent or address potential or actual releases of waste constituents from the unit.

Reference response to question 5 above.

10. Identify the prior owners or any property you owned or operated at the Site from 1950 to the present. For each prior owner, further identify:
- a) The dates of ownership;
 - b) All evidence showing that they controlled access to the Site; and
 - c) All evidence that a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant, was released or threatened to be released at the Site during the period that they owned the Site.

Not applicable, but cover letter attachment #1 may be helpful.

11. Identify the prior operators, including lessors, of any property you owned or operated at the Site from 1950 through the present. For each such operator, further identify:
- a) The dates of operation;
 - b) The nature of prior operations at the Site;
 - c) All evidence that they controlled access to the Site; and
 - d) All evidence that a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant was released or threatened to be released at or from the Site and/or its solid waste units during the period that they were operating the Site.

See Number 10 above.

12. Provide copies of all local, state, and federal environmental permits ever granted for your Facility or Facilities in the Ellsworth Industrial Park or any part thereof (e.g., RCRA permits NPDES permits, etc.).

Reference response to question 5 above.

13. Did your Facility or Facilities in the Ellsworth Industrial Park ever have "interim status" under RCRA? If so, and the Facility does not currently have interim status, describe the circumstances under which the Facility lost interim status.

Reference response to question 5 above.

14. Did your Facility or Facilities in the Ellsworth Industrial Park ever file a notification of hazardous waste activity under RCRA? If so, provide a copy of such notification.

Reference response to question 5 above.

15. Provide all reports, information, or data related to soil, water (ground and surface), or air quality and geology/hydrogeology at and about the Site. Provide copies of all documents containing such data and information, including both past and current aerial photographs as well as documents containing analysis or interpretation of such data.

Reference response to question 5 above.

16. Identify all leaks, spills, or releases into the environment of any hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including chlorinated solvents) that have occurred at or from your Facility or Facilities at the Site. In addition, identify:

- a) When such releases occurred;
- b) How the releases occurred;
- c) The amount of each hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants so released;
- d) Where such releases occurred;
- e) Any and all activities undertaken in response to each such release or threatened release, including the notification of any agencies or governmental units about the release.
- f) Any and all investigations of the circumstances, nature, extent or location of each release or threatened release including, the results of any soil, water (ground and surface), or air testing undertaken; and
- g) All persons with information relating to these releases.

Provide copies of all documents related to these leaks, spills or releases.

Reference response to question 5 above.

17. Was there ever a spill, leak, release or discharge of hazardous materials (including chlorinated solvents) into any subsurface disposal system or floor drain inside or under any building you own or operate at the Site? If the answer to the preceding question is anything but an unqualified "no," identify:
- a) Where the disposal system or floor drains were located;
 - b) When the disposal system or floor drains were installed;
 - c) Whether the disposal system or floor drains were connected to pipes;
 - d) Where such pipes were located and emptied;
 - e) When such pipes were installed;
 - f) How and when such pipes were replaced, or repaired; and
 - g) Whether such pipes ever leaked or in any way released hazardous materials into the environment.

Provide copies of all documents related to these leaks, spills or releases or discharges.

Reference response to question 5 above.

18. Did any leaks, spills, or releases of hazardous materials (including chlorinated solvents) occur at any Facility you own or operate at the Site when such materials were being:
- a) Delivered by a vendor;
 - b) Stored (e.g., in any tanks, drums, or barrels);
 - c) Transported or transferred (e.g., to or from any tanks, drums, barrels, or recovery units); or
 - d) Treated.

If so, provide copies of all documents relating to these leaks, spills or releases.

Reference response to question 5 above.

19. Has soil ever been excavated or removed from the Site? Unless the answer to the preceding question is anything besides an unequivocal "no," identify:

- a) Amount of soil excavated;
- b) Location of excavation;
- c) Manner and place of disposal and/or storage of excavated soil;
- d) Dates of soil excavation;
- e) Identity of persons who excavated or removed the soil;
- f) Reason for soil excavation;
- g) Whether the excavation or removed soil contained hazardous materials and why the soil contained such materials;
- h) All analyses or tests and results of analyses of the soil that was removed from the Site;
- i) All persons, including contractors, with information about (a) through (h) of this request.

If so, provide copies of all documents relating to these excavations or removals.

N/A

20. Provide records from 1950 through the present showing how much chlorinated solvent/cleaner or other chlorinated materials were purchased for any Facility or Facilities you own or operate at the Site. Provide records from 1950 through the present, which show how much chlorinated solvent/cleaner or other chlorinated materials were sent from the Facility or Facilities you own or operate at the Site to be recycled or disposed. Provide the manifests showing such recycling or disposal.

N/A

21. Provide all records regarding the disposal of solid waste from the Facility or Facilities you own or operate at the Site from 1950 to present.

Reference response to question 5 above.